

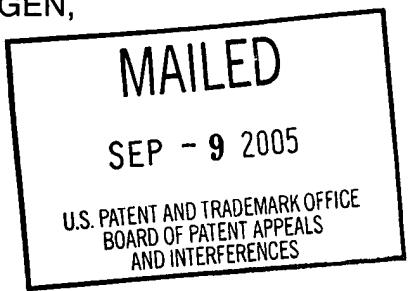
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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Ex parte THIERRY BOON, PIERRE VAN DER DRUGGEN,  
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Application No. 08/819,669



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 6, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

On November 16, 2004, appellants filed a Reply Brief. On March 11, 2005, the examiner mailed to appellants' Reply Brief with a Supplemental Examiner's Answer, which is permitted under 37 CFR § 41.43. However, there does not appear to be any notation of an approval by a Technology Center Director or designee. Correction is required.

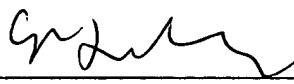
Additionally, we were unable to locate a copy of the Boon (1989), Bork, Skolnick, and Smith references relied on by the examiner on page 4 of the Examiner's Answer mailed March 11, 2005

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to:

- (1) either vacate the Supplemental Examiner's Answer mailed March 11, 2005, or revise the Supplemental Examiner's Answer by acquiring the Technology Center Director's approval on such;
- (2) have a complete copy of the revised Supplemental Examiner's Answer scanned into the record if applicable;
- (3) locate the missing references (the Boon (1989), Bork, Skolnick, and Smith) and have complete copies scanned into the IFW file; and
- (4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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